

Listing and Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at p. 3, line 26 to p. 4, line 3 in the specification with the following paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of the assembly according to the invention is characterized in that the gas pressure in the discharge vessel of the low-pressure mercury vapor discharge lamp is between 10^5 and $4 \cdot 10^5$ Pa (between 1 and ~~4-mbar~~ bar), preferably between $2 \cdot 10^5$ and $3 \cdot 10^5$ Pa (between 2 and ~~3-mbar~~ bar). Although a filling pressure higher than $3 \cdot 10^5$ Pa will result in an additional wattage reduction and a slightly lower efficacy it will cause difficult ignition on many ballast systems. Pressures lower than $2 \cdot 10^5$ Pa could enhance starting and efficacy, but wattage and lumens would be higher, so a higher krypton content and/or inductance in the extension means would be necessary to reduce the wattage. Lifetime will also be reduced with lower filling pressure. Generally speaking, requirements with respect to rare gas mix, filling pressure and inductance are interrelated. The desired wattage reduction can be achieved in a number of ways, with consequences for lifetime, lumens, efficacy, and ignition. A particularly preferred range is from $2 \cdot 10^5$ to $2.4 \cdot 10^5$ Pa.